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RESPONSE

This Response is in reply to the Office Action mailed September 11, 1995 in the subject application. In response to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

AMENDMENT B

In the claims:

Please add claim 24 as follows:

24. A method of joining composite parts comprising:  
inserting a plurality of *extrinsic* reinforcing elements *each extending* through  
the thickness of two composite adherends to be joined, each  
composite adherend containing fibers in a resin matrix, said  
reinforcing elements inserted transverse to the direction of  
the fibers in the resin matrix, said reinforcing elements  
left extending from the joint surface of each adherend;